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## RAIN PRECIPITATES GRAIN PRICE SLUMP

Cash Wheat Drops 12 to 14  
Cents—Oats and Corn  
Come Down.

## DELIVERY HELD UP

Foreign Imports of Wheat  
and Corn Flowing  
Steadily.

The 1½-inch rain of last night and this morning precipitated great declines in the grain slump that was started earlier in the week. Cash wheat dropped 12 to 14 cents from yesterday's closing price at St. Louis and Chicago. Oats came down 4½ to 5 cents and corn from 3 to 8 cents.

Futures, which had been suffering from bear onslaughts of the week, broke nearly as heavily. If quotations suffer much farther, local dealers are of the opinion that the farmers will hold up deliveries as far as possible in anticipation of a reaction.

Good support given corn and oats in the Chicago Board of Trade and the St. Louis Grain Market has been unable to stem the selling fever. Oats are now down to a pre-war level while the grain market in general is undergoing by far the biggest drop of recent years.

Closing quotations of the St. Louis future market today were:

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
July	215	128	68
Aug.	214	127	67
Sept.	213	126	66
Oct.	212	125	65
Nov.	211	124	64
Dec.	210	123	63
Jan.	209	122	62
Feb.	208	121	61
March	207	120	60

Compared with yesterday's closing figures, wheat futures dropped 9½ cents today, corn about 4 cents and oats about 1 cent.

Today's closing prices from the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
July	211½@212	127½@128½	67½@68½
Aug.	210½@211½	126½@127½	66½@67½
Sept.	209½@210½	125½@126½	65½@66½
Oct.	208½@209½	124½@125½	64½@65½
Nov.	207½@208½	123½@124½	63½@64½
Dec.	206½@207½	122½@123½	62½@63½
Jan.	205½@206½	121½@122½	61½@62½
Feb.	204½@205½	120½@121½	60½@61½
March	203½@204½	119½@120½	59½@60½

Barley and rye suffered minor breaks, probably out of sympathy with the general grain decline.

Cash wheat at the Boone County Milling Company this morning was \$2.15 a bushel. Last week's closing price was \$2.65.

Class Commission Company officials stated this afternoon that they were unable to secure cars. Very little wheat has been shipped from Columbia.

J. H. Watson of Ichtetz & Watson, St. Louis brokers, who registered at the Daniel Boone Tavern this morning, stated that the present break had been long expected.

"On my way down from St. Louis, I noticed a general rain," said Mr. Watson, "which could not but bring corn down at this time of the season. While wheat and rye led the break in Chicago yesterday, it is my opinion that the present rains over the corn belt have enabled the movement to keep up the decline."

"The present break on the market has been anticipated for some time. There are various reasons. The domestic demand for flour has been dull. We have today an export surplus of three hundred million bushels of wheat out of a crop of 960 million. The European grain famine has been greatly exaggerated. A friend recently returned from Southern Europe on a relief commission stated that Rumania has a bumper crop while Italy and France have greatly exceeded expectations."

"Manchurian wheat is pouring in on the Pacific Coast while Argentina is unloading corn into this country at 46 cents below our quotations. This is partly explainable by the fact that their European buyers have withdrawn and partly because of the fact that the Argentinian dollar is at such a low rate of exchange."

Mr. Watson is in Columbia supervising the location of a branch office of his firm in the city. It will be located in the basement of the Daniel Boone Tavern, in the space formerly occupied by the Avera Barber Shop. C. M. Huber will be in charge of the local office. The office at present maintains direct wires to the St. Louis Stock Market and the Chicago Board of Trade. It will later be connected with the New York Stock Exchange and Cotton Exchange through the brokerage firm of J. S. Bache & Co., New York City.

## CORN CROP IS SAVED

1½ Inches Rain Falls This  
Morning Just As Grain  
Nears Dead Line.

"News? Why we have a million dollar news story this morning! Look here!" and George Reeder of the United States Weather Bureau went over to the delicate, glass-covered instruments and began to compute. "We've had a good inch and a half of rain. News? I should say news. News for the whole state."

Such was the enthusiasm expressed over the fine rain this morning, which

## WEATHER—Thundershowers

For Columbia and vicinity: Thundershowers this afternoon or tonight. Sunday probably fair; cooler.

For Missouri: Local thundershowers this afternoon or tonight; cooler tonight north portion. Sunday probably fair; somewhat cooler south and east-central portions.

## Weather Conditions.

There was no rain of consequence during the past 24 hours in any of the principal corn states, but light rain was falling over the central part of Missouri at 7 a. m. and the atmospheric distribution was favorable for local thundershowers.

Yesterday was the warmest day since last Saturday in most of the central interior states, but temperatures were only a few degrees above normal values. The Missouri rivers continue well within banks.

## Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 93; and the lowest 78. Precipitation 0.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 79 and the lowest was 75. Precipitation 0.00. Sun rose today 5:38 a. m. Sun sets 7:22 p. m. Moon rises 7:32 p. m.

## The Temperatures Today:

7 a. m.	72	10 a. m.	70
9 a. m.	73	11 a. m.	71
1 p. m.	72	12 noon	71

has practically saved the corn crop, given the pastures a new lease on life, and has given the vegetables added strength to endure the rest of the season. In the opinion of Mr. Reeder, the rain came at a most opportune time, for, should it have waited a week or ten days the corn crop would have been seriously damaged. As it is, the rain fell just when most of the corn was tasseling and silking. Then due to the fact that the corn was planted late and that the fields are for the most part clean, the rain this morning helps it out considerably.

The rain this morning, according to Mr. Reeder, was local, but before the conditions that brought on this rain were ended, it would be general in Kansas and in Missouri. Up until 6 o'clock this morning there were no signs of any considerable amount of rain, but by 7 o'clock indications were that a good rain would finally come.

## August 10 Is Dead Line.

With the exception of the quarter-inch rain of last Sunday and Monday, this was the first good rain since May. Mr. Reeder's records show that the first seven months of 1920 we were 4.32 inches short in relation to the normal rainfall of Missouri.

One reason why this rain will help materially is because it fell before the 10th of August, which Mr. Reeder says, is the dead line for "helping rains" so far as the corn crop is concerned.

Mr. Reeder said that this morning's rain gave 170 tons of water to every acre of ground. In one square mile it rained as much as 105,900 tons. The amount of energy it would take for the sun to draw up this amount of water, he said, could not be equaled by all the engine power in Missouri.

The only thing that saves the corn crop, said Mr. Reeder, is the fact that most of the corn was planted late. In some of the counties where the corn was planted early, it is reported "fired", and beyond help.

## Weather's Effect on Corn.

For the fifty years from 1870 to 1919, Mr. Reeder has a detailed record of rains and their relation to the corn crop. Mr. Reeder deduced from these records the following conclusions:

"About 14 inches of rain during May, June, July and August, if well distributed, is sufficient for a normal crop of corn in Missouri, but for every inch less than 14, the yield will be cut four bushels an acre. If the decrease of rainfall occurs in July, running through the first ten days of August, the cut in corn yield will be nearly doubled."

"When the total rainfall for May, June and July, and August equals or exceeds 15 inches, the corn yield is reduced because of abandoned fields, overflows, flooded lowlands, etc."

"A total of ten inches or less for the four months means a disastrous drought."

"An abnormally dry July, regardless of the fact that the other three months have been seasonable, means a markedly reduced corn yield."

"August rains to be of any material benefit to corn must fall during the first ten days of the month."

## LEROY SOUGHT IN NEW YORK

Husband of Murdered Woman Last Seen in Big City.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 31.—Acting on the assertion of Patrolman Leo Trumbull that Eugene Leroy, husband of the woman whose nude body was found in a trunk shipped here from Detroit, had been seen in New York the day before the body was found, authorities here today instituted a search for Leroy.

Trumbull told the police that a friend had said he saw Leroy. He did not know, according to Trumbull, that the murdered woman's husband was sought in connection with the crime.

## More Troops Arrive in Ireland.

By United Press

LONDON, July 31.—A detachment of the Royal Fusiliers with field guns, numbering about 1,000 men, landed at Queenstown, Ireland today. They were taken to their destination in motor trucks, the railway men having refused to transport them.

## OUTLAW STRIKE IS BROKEN BY LEWIS

Mine President Yields to  
Wilson's Request for  
Negotiations.

## WILL RESUME WORK

Local Unions Expected to  
Pass Favorably on  
New Move.

By United Press

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31.—John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, today issued a formal order directing all coal miners on unauthorized strikes to return to work. He explained in the order that he was issuing it in consideration for the request of President Wilson.

A copy of the telegraphic order will also be sent to President Wilson in response to the President's message last night demanding an end to the tie-up in the Indiana and Illinois mines.

## Striking Miners Ordered to Work.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 31.—Frank Farrington today ordered the striking coal miners to return to work Monday.

Farrington sent his orders following a decisive victory in wage demands for the Illinois coal miners.

## Order Passes Illinois Headquarters.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, July 31.—Seventy-five thousand striking coal miners in Illinois will return to work soon after receiving word from John L. Lewis, international president at Indianapolis today.

President Farrington, in a jovial mood over the turn events have taken, declared that he probably would have nothing to do with Lewis' order. He said it undoubtedly would go directly to the Illinois locals and not to the Illinois headquarters.

At first he said that if such an order came to him he would ignore it but later stated that Lewis was his superior officer and he must obey his mandates.

The Illinois miners' president expressed some doubt as to the Illinois men returning to work.

## GOV. CANTU WILL YIELD

Expected to Give Up Govern-  
ment to Another Lower  
Californian.

By United Press

MEXICO CITY, July 31.—A peaceful settlement of the quarrel between President de la Huerta and Governor Cantu of Lower California was forecast today as negotiations continued. Cantu is expected to yield and give up the governorship with the understanding that it is to be handed over to another Lower Californian.

## STARTS NEW NURSING CLASSES

Miss Broeffle Will Teach Hygiene on  
North Side Each Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy E. Broeffle, public health nurse for Boone County, started two classes in hygiene and the home care of the sick recently in the north side of town. These classes will be given on Tuesdays. There will be eight lessons in the course. One of the classes will meet in the Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church, but it has not been decided where the other will be held. Work will begin as soon as the text books arrive.

Miss Broeffle stated that there has been a great deal of enthusiasm manifested wherever these classes have been held in different parts of the county. Not only are the mothers interested in learning how to prevent sickness, but also the children in the schools are eager to put into practice what they have learned about taking care of their bodies.

"I hope," Miss Broeffle said, "that Columbia will soon have more nurses who can extend this work to all the schools and all the homes in the country."

"I would also like to announce that the certificates for the girls who took home nursing at the Columbia High School the last semester are now ready and may be had by coming to the Red Cross rooms."

## MANNIX DRAWS BIG CROWD

Australian Freighter Surrounded As  
Ship Sails From New York.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 31.—A crowd which police were unable to handle, gathered here shortly before the Baltic sailed for Queenstown carrying Archbishop Mannix of Australia.

It was only with great difficulty that the archbishop was able to get through the mob around the gangplank and aboard the vessel.

Lloyd George, premier of England, recently stated the archbishop would not be permitted to land in Ireland.

## SWEEPING INCREASE GRANTED RAILROADS

Passenger Rates Raised 20  
Per Cent—Pullman  
Fare, 50 Per Cent.

## UP AFTER FIVE DAYS

Decision Made By Inter-  
State Commerce  
Commission.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 31.—A sweeping increase was granted to the National railroad in the decision made by the Interstate Commerce Commission late today.

The increase was awarded as follows: Eastern railways, 40 per cent; southern railways, 25 per cent; western railways, 35 per cent; mountain and Pacific roads, 25 per cent.

The average increase was 31 per cent for all railroads.

The passenger fare was increased 20 per cent, which was the amount asked by the road men. An increase of 20 per cent was made for excess baggage. The rates for milk and cream carried on passenger trains were increased 20 per cent. Pullman fare was increased 50 per cent.

The increases will become effective after five days' notice to the commission and to the general public. Commissioners Eastman and McChord, confirmed the decision of the commission, but said that their agreement was arrived at by a different method.

The total increase granted will amount to \$1,500,000,000. The amount asked for was \$1,645,000,000.

## CHICAGO BROKER DEAD

Samuel Loftis, President of  
Widely Known Firm,  
Murdered?

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 31.—Two members of the Chicago mercantile aristocracy were involved in the mysterious death last night of Samuel G. A. Loftis.

Loftis, president of a widely known diamond brokerage firm, was found dead in his apartment. Slight marks were discovered on the head and chest but were not wounds that could have caused his death.

Roy D. Shayne, son of the late John Shayne, is another principal. He and "Ruth Woods" who he claimed as his fiancée, were held by the police today. They were with Loftis when he died.

Shayne said that Loftis insulted "Ruth," who telephoned Shayne. He went immediately to the apartment and was admitted. He said that Loftis slipped to the floor unconscious and that a physician who was summoned said that he was dead.

Shayne called the coroner asking that an officer be sent over. When questioned Shayne said that he would not give the name of "Miss Woods," as he said that she was in no way guilty and that the publicity would disgrace her.

The officers found the richly furnished apartment of Loftis in great disorder with broken liquor bottles and glasses, and cigarette ashes strewn over costly rugs and ground into priceless table linen.

## NO INQUEST IN ALLEIGH CASE

Coroner Says Jimpeon Weed Seed  
Was Sufficient Evidence.

No inquest has been held by the coroner relative to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Alleigh, the aged couple found dead at their home near Ashland before yesterday. Coroner Ben F. Baker said this morning that the jimpeon weed seed found in the coffee pot was evidence as to the cause of the death and that he did not think it necessary to hold an inquest.

## Rural Missouri Shows Decrease.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The Census Bureau today announced the population of Chariton County, Missouri, as 21,700, a decrease of 1,734, or 7.4 per cent; McDonald County 14,690, an increase of 1,151, or 8.5 per cent; Marion County 29,785, a decrease of 787, or 2.6 per cent; Polk County 20,351, a decrease of 1,210, or 5.6 per cent.

## Today's Big League Games

(Courtesy of Recreation Parlor)  
National League.

(First game)	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	4	13	0
Boston	2	4	1
(Second game)			
Pittsburgh	1	9	7
Boston	6	11	0
Cincinnati	6	10	2
New York	2	9	1
Chicago	6	11	0
Philadelphia	3	8	2
St. Louis	5	10	3
Brooklyn	9	13	0

## MORE LAWN PRIZES NEXT YEAR

Attempt Is to Make Columbia Most  
Beautiful City in Missouri.

Plans are being made by the Columbia Garden Club to increase its next year's prizes for the best-kept lawns in the city. The success of this year's work, and the growing interest in making Columbia the most beautiful city in the state is responsible for this, according to Mrs. W. M. Dittwiddle, one of the judges in the present contest.

Just now there are twenty-eight gardens entered for prizes. An inspection is made every two weeks by the two judges, Mrs. Dittwiddle and Mrs. Bart Speer, who have taken special work under H. F. Major, Professor of landscape gardening.

The lawns are divided into three classes. Class A includes those up to a 60-foot front; Class B, those with a 60 to 100-foot front; and Class C all over 100 feet. They are graded on a basis of ten points. Five points are given for upkeep, three for planting arrangement and two for continuous blooming of flowers and shrubs. Ten dollars is given to the winner of the first prize in each class and \$5 to the winner of the second prize. It is thought, also, that a special class will be made for fraternity lawns next year. If additional prizes are given, one will probably be awarded for the lawn which makes the greatest improvement during the season.

## POLES CROSS LINES

Reds Invade Galicia As Peace  
Negotiations Get  
Under Way.

By United Press

WARSAW, July 31.—Armistice negotiations between the Poles and the Bolsheviks began today. The Polish delegates crossed the armistice line at 8 o'clock last night. They were assured that the international armistice rules would be strictly observed.

Meanwhile the Reds have invaded Galicia north of Brody which has been evacuated. Limburg must be given up if the fighting continues.

## NEW HEAD FOR UNITED PRESS

W. W. Hawkins of Springfield, Mo.,  
Succeeds Roy W. Howard.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 31.—Announcement of the resignation of Roy W. Howard as president of the United Press Association to become business director of the Scripps-McRae League of Newspapers, and the election of W. W. Hawkins as president of the United Press was made here today, effective August 1.

Hawkins, who becomes president, has been with the organization since its formation and has served in practically every important capacity. He was three years in control of the Pacific Coast division and a similar time manager of the Washington bureau. He was born in Springfield, Mo., where he began newspaper work as a cub reporter. He is 37 years old.

## WILL WED TOMORROW MORNING

Gordon M. Shearer to Marry Miss  
Elizabeth Denham.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Denham and Gordon M. Shearer, Jr., 805 Tandy avenue will be married tomorrow morning by Rev. R. B. Evans, pastor of the Wilkes Boulevard Church. Miss Denham is 18 and Mr. Shearer is 19 years old. G. M. Shearer, his father, gave his consent to the marriage. It is understood the couple will remain in Columbia after the marriage.

## DAIRY COUNCIL OFFERS PRIZES

"Feed Value of Dairy Products" Is  
Subject of Essays.

In order to stimulate interest in the advertising campaign which the milk producers of Columbia are launching this week the Missouri State Dairy Council has decided to offer cash prizes for the best essays on the "Feed Value of Dairy Products." There will be four prizes divided as follows: First, \$10; second, \$7.50; third, \$5.00; and fourth, \$2.50.

These essays must be written by children 16 years of age or younger. They must be not over 500 words in length and must be mailed to E. M. Harmon, Secretary of the State Dairy Council, at Columbia not later than Saturday, August 7.

Any source of information is permissible but it is suggested especially that all children competing study the posters in town as well as the advertisements and the stories on this subject in the local papers.

## Twenty Injured in Train Wreck.

By United Press

SALT LAKE CITY, July 31.—A score of persons were injured in the wreck of a passenger train here today. The train was said to have been derailed when going at a high speed.

## Will Hold a Meeting.

C. H. Williams, chairman of the University Community Association, has called a meeting of the members of the association for Room 130, Academic Hall at 4:15 o'clock Monday afternoon.

## PREDICTS COX WILL COME TO COLUMBIA

W. L. Nelson Tells Women  
Democrats Their Candidate  
May Visit Here.

## DEFENDS PRESIDENT

Says Congress Is Stopped By  
Four Millionaire—Re-  
publicans Unfair.

Governor James Cox will speak in Columbia this fall if final arrangements can be made, according to Congressman W. L. Nelson in an address last night before the Democratic women of Columbia.

That Columbia is an educational center for 4,000 students and a center of Democratic spirit in Missouri will influence him to vary from his planned route to speak here, Mr. Nelson said.

Throughout his talk Nelson laid blame on the contrary Congress for many of the conditions today.

"Republicans are continually howling about the failure of the present Congress," he said. "I agree with them. It is made up of a majority of Republicans and contrary Republicans at that. They have insisted on restraining actions suggested by the clear mind of the President."

## Says Wilson Is Unbent.

"How is President Wilson? Is the most common question asked me. His body shows the effect of the great mental strain of the last few months. His hair is white, his form is bent, but his mind is as clear as the tap of a bell, and his will is unbent."

"We need a broader-minded nation."

When McKinley and Lincoln died partisan feelings were forgotten but the feeling was different when President Wilson's illness was announced. The Republican side of the House cheered.

"We do not want to brag about what we think of the outcome of the election but we know that we will have a ticket and a platform which the people will accept."

The difference between the Republican and the Democratic parties is that the Democratic party lets the voice and sentiment of the party come from the masses and go up as the natural course of any healthy plan, while the Republican lets the voice of the party start above in the upper few and trickle slowly down to the masses below.

## Blames Congress for Sugar Price.

"The present high price of sugar and the higher passenger and freight rates are two of the most prominent results of the actions of Congress."

"You have asked why the United States didn't buy the Cuban sugar crop? The answer is that it would have been foolish. President Wilson wanted to buy the crop to lower sugar prices but he wanted Congress to extend the term of the Sugar Equalization Board for one year to govern the price of the sugar if bought. Congress refused and he realized that trusts without limit would make prices as high if not higher than they are now."

"Every congressman ought to be left at home who voted to retain the railroads until March 1. The President knew they should be returned January 1. Now we are paying to get the owners to take them back. The big roads are getting all they make and the government is having to make up deficits on the smaller roads. The public is paying higher rates and must wait patiently on slow transportation."

"Do you think you should expect a reduction in taxes so long as the steering committee in Congress is composed of the four millionaires: Winslow of Massachusetts, Dunn of New York, Longworth of Ohio and Madden of Chicago?" Nelson asked.

## Defends War Extravagance.

"My Republican opponent is asking how I expect to be elected when the Democrats put over an extravagant war with millions of dollars of material left on hand."

"It is true that we ended the war with surplus supplies. But we also ended the war with surplus boys left over. Which is the more valuable of the two? We are proud of the war record. It will bear comparison with any war in the history of the world."

"People ask me why I am willing to use my time acting as attorney or adviser for the former service men. I do it because I owe it to them and I think the boys who put the crimp in the actions of the man with the heaven-bent moustache and the hell-bent mind, deserve it. I want to be a servant to the people who elect